RESOLUTION NUMBER 44

WHEREAS, on Sunday, June 4, 2006, the Hill 2000, Inc. neighborhood organization will once again recognize prominent members of the Hill community during the Hill Walk of Fame ceremony; and

WHEREAS, the Hill Walk of Fame is dedicated to individuals who were born and raised in the historic Hill Neighborhood and who have made significant contributions to our community; and

WHEREAS, one of this year's honorees is Ben Pucci who lived at 5430 Elizabeth Avenue from 1928-1950; and

WHEREAS, despite growing up on the same block as future Baseball Hall of Fame inductees, Joe Garagiola and Yogi Berra, Ben prepared himself for a career in professional football; and

WHEREAS, Ben played several years in the AAFC, forerunner to the National Football League, and was a distinguished member of the Cleveland Browns during their undefeated championship season in 1948;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to join with the Hill 2000, Inc. organization in recognizing and honoring Ben Pucci and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 2nd day of June, 2006 by:

Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward

Adopted this the 2nd day of June, 2006 as attested:

Patrick J. Connaghan

Clerk, Board of Aldermen

James F. Shrewsbury

President, Board of Aldermen